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On the 26th inst., at No. 4, Seymour Terrace,
Hongkong, the wife of Dr. KIMBALL, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1888.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter.)

THE STANLEY EXPEDITION.

LONDON, December 23rd.

The Stanley expedition was at Wadai last
January, and a little later Emin Pasha received
a letter from the Mahdi demanding the surrender
of the province. Emin refused to accede to this
demand. In April the Mahdi's troops were
approaching Stanley and vainly urging him to
return.

(From the Straits Times.)

THE NAVY.

LONDON, December 14th.

Lord Charles Beresford in the debate on the
Naval Estimates insisted on the inadequacy of
the fleet, and the necessity of forthwith expending
twenty millions in building ironclads and cruisers.
Lord George Hamilton admitted that the Fleet
was below the necessary level but hoped to be
able to further augment it in 1889.

THE SOUDAN.

December 16th.

In the House of Commons Mr. Goschen said
that the Government would do its utmost to
ascertain the truth of Osman Digna's letter, and
whether, if true, there be any hope of negotiating
the release of the captives, but that in the mean-
while it was impossible to suspend operations for
the relief of Suakin.
Mr. Gladstone speaking at Limehouse, said
that the interests of neither England nor Egypt
required the retention of so trumpety a spot as
Suakin.

LORD DUFFERIN.

The Freedom of the City of London has been
conferred upon the Marquis of Dufferin.

(From the Courrier d'Haiphong.)

THE INDO-CHINESE COUNCIL.

PARIS, December 14th.

A decree has re-organized the superior Council
for Indo-China under the Presidency of the
Governor-General. The following are the mem-
bers:—The General in command of the Army of
Occupation in Indo-China, the commander of the
Naval forces in Tonquin, the Resident-
General of Cambodia, the Director of the local
service in Indo-China, and the Attorney-General
of the Republic at Saigon.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

December 16th.

The Chamber of Deputies has rejected by 262
votes against 188 the bill relating to the Panama
Company.

THE INDO-CHINESE LOAN.

SAIGON, December 17th.

The loan of 100 million francs was voted
yesterday by the Colonial Council.

DEATH OF THE KINH-LUOC.

PHU-LANG-THUONG, December 18th.

The Kinh-Luoc died this morning at Hanoi.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

OUR Shanghai morning contemporary learns that
the Sherkian Mining Company's Debentures
have been fully allotted at par and over.THE returns of the number of visitors to the City
Hall Museum for the week ending Dec. 23rd,
are:—Europeans 133, Chinese 1,257; total, 1,390.ORDERS have been sent to Major-General
Gordon, Superintendent of the Canal, to discon-
tinue sending out the chain-gang in future.
Quite right.A REGULAR meeting of Zetland Lodge, No.
525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland
Street, this evening, at 8 for 8.30 o'clock precisely.
Visiting brethren are cordially invited.A CHINAMAN was committed for trial by Mr.
Pollock this morning for trying to entice a boy
away from his home. He was stopped when
getting on the Kiu-kiang to go to Macao.A CHINAMAN was found dead in Second Street,
this morning. He had burst a blood-vessel,
and some Samaritan had put a mat over him
but omitted to send for help, and he waited
away-up the golden-stair without the assistance
of a doctor.CHIRIAN'S Circus at Bowington was crowded
to overflowing on Monday and last night. The
change of programme has created new attrac-
tions, and the lovely weather we have had has
greatly contributed to bumper houses. The
show opens to-night at 9 o'clock as usual.The Messageries Maritimes steamer *Caledonia*
made the run from Kobe to Yokohama the other
day in twenty-two hours.THE Shanghai *Progress* notices the closing of
the old Portuguese Club and the opening of an-
other institution on similar lines in the Model
Settlement.We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co.) that the "Glen" liner *Glen-
eagles*, from New York, left Singapore yesterday
for this port.THE Manila *Comercio* says that the works
in connection with the first railway in the
Archipelago, between the capital and Dagupan,
are very far advanced.CAPT. Young, of the steamer *Pakhan*, on the
arrival of that vessel at Singapore from Swatow
on the 18th inst., handed over to the Opium
Farmer 118 tins of opium, valued at \$2,596,
which he found on board without an owner who
could claim the valuable contraband.THE *Courrier d'Haiphong* publishes a long
letter written by a French missionary at Sedang,
in which he gives full details of M. de Mayre's
missions to that country and his subsequent
elevation to royal honours. Like most missionary
utterances, this one breathes hatred and un-
charitableness throughout, and on that account
loses all influence on the impartial reader it
otherwise might have.THE appeal of Mr. Moylan, barrister-at-law,
against the decision of the Recorder of Rangoon,
who for an alleged contempt of court stopped Mr.
Moylan from practising his profession in that
town, was heard before the Chief Justice High Court
on the 1st inst. Chief Justice Sir C. Fetherston
referred to the case as a trumpety one, and
eventually the Court allowed the appeal, reversing
the order of the Recorder.THE seventh competition for the Hongkong
Rifle Association Monthly Challenge Cup took
place yesterday afternoon and resulted in favor
of Mr. C. Ford, (17 points allowed) who put on
30 at the 200 and 27 at the 500 yards. Mr.
Shelton Hooper, allowed 25, was second with
a total of 73. There were 16 competitors, and
the actual highest scorer was Mr. E. L. Woodin
(allowed 2), who totalled 32 and 28 respectively
at the two ranges.MR. PARNELL'S Scottish action against the
Times was debated in the First Division of the
Court of Session, Edinburgh, on Saturday,
November 23rd, before Lord President Inglis,
Lord Muir, Lord Shand, and Lord Adam, on
appeal by the Defendants from the judgment of
Lord Kinnear, allowing the Plaintiff a proof on
the relevancy of the jurisdiction in Scotland.
The Court unanimously sustained the inter-
locutor.A TELEGRAM from London to the *Bombay
Gazette*, commenting on Lord Salisbury's refer-
ences at Edinburgh to the candidature of Dada-
bhai Navrojee as M. P. for Central Finsbury,
says that the Premier spoke of him as a black
man, expressing doubts whether there had got
to such a point when English electors had suffi-
ciently overcome their prejudices to return a
black man to Parliament. The Liberal papers
severely censure Lord Salisbury's terms of
speech.ANOTHER piratical attack at Haiphong, Tonquin,
is reported by the *Courrier d'Haiphong*. On
the 15th inst. a detachment of militiamen was
surrounded by a numerous band, and a fierce
struggle ensued, both sides getting re-inforce-
ments and fresh supplies of ammunition. After
half a day's battle, the enemy left 200 dead on
the field, and 13 rifles of the Gras pattern. The
village of Than-ha was destroyed. The French
losses were few wounded.THE Portuguese community of Shanghai must be
well advanced in mental training, science, and
general information, when they take to debate at
the last meeting of what is termed the Catholic
Circle, namely, "That the modern idea of liberty
should be opposed, as being injurious to the
welfare of mankind; morally, socially and
politically." The Roman Catholic clergy in the
Model Settlement ought to be complimented on
the able manner in which they rear their cattle.THE match between the Hongkong Football
Club and the Northamptonshire Regiment
played at Causeway Bay on Christmas Eve
resulted in a victory for the Regiment, by four
goals to one. The return match was played this
afternoon, the Club eleven this time consisting
of Messrs. A. H. Macdonagh, (Capt.), J. P. Brewin,
R. E. G. A. Macdonagh, R. A. E. M. Blair,
R. E. H. S. Woodcock, R. A. G. McNair, F. N.
Firth, W. H. Wallace, G. Balloch, F. Maitland,
A. H. Ough, and J. M. Atkinson.THE *Macao Government Gazette* publishes the
following returns of the trade of the neighbouring
colony:—1880, \$24,929,736; 1881, \$24,811,242;
1882, \$25,757,771; 1883, \$25,848,033; 1884,
\$22,574,327; 1885, \$25,017,281; 1886, \$25,428,
468. The semi-official *Independence* in com-
menting upon the figures, expresses the hope
that there may yet be a chance of the old
colony surviving its troubles. We are afraid
contemporary is over sanguine in its hopes
for the regeneration of a colony that thanks to
Portuguese apathy and neglect, has outlived its
usefulness.AN address signed by the Cardinal Archbishop
of Westminster and the Catholic prelates of
England, has been recently sent to Pope Leo
XIII. It says:—We, who live in a land where
the Catholic Church enjoys full liberty, are pro-
foundly aggrieved and offended at seeing the
rights of the Head of the Church are obstructed
and violated in the very centre and in the very
seat of its supreme authority. Already the filial
devotion of all Catholic pastors and people in all
parts of the world, and also the free and healthy
public opinion of all civilized nations, has rebuked
and condemned this penal legislation. And we
also add our protest to that of civilised world,
declaring, together with all Catholics, our
detestation of such great injustice.THE writer of the "Guide to Hongkong"
published by Brewer says: A Christmas Eve at
the Berlin Foundling House is one of the
prettiest sights imaginable, and it is quite
pathetic to hear the old German melody "Stille
Nacht, heilige Nacht" sung by the childish
voices." This Christmas was no exception. In
the schoolroom Mrs. Hartmann and her
sisters in charity had decked out a large
fir tree (sent by Mr. Ford) with presents
from kind friends in Germany. These
were not all the gifts which the season brought
for three of the inmates who are about to settle
down, and presents for several blind girls, and
these also were displayed. In the afternoon
Lady des Vaux, Rev. Dr. Chalmers, Rev. G. H.
Bonfield, Rev. G. B. Orr, with some English,
German, and Chinese friends, visited the Home,
and attended the simple service in the adjoining
chapel, with the seventy little inmates. Pastor
Hartmann conducted the service, which was in
German, reading the lessons in Chinese. The
Christmas tree was afterwards lit up, to the
astonishment of the younger children, and carols
were sung, fruit distributed, &c.THE H. K. C. C. will play a Cricket Match with
the 58th Regiment to-morrow, commencing at
2 p.m.We learn that information has been received of
the stranding of the Punjon Co's steam launch,
and it is assumed that she will become a total
loss. Luckily she is insured for \$20,000.We are requested to state that the Post Office
will be closed on New Year's Day, when no
delivery of any description will take place.
Money Orders, &c., intended for the outgoing
mail on Wednesday must be applied for before
5 p.m. on Monday the 31st instant. The Parcel
Mail for Europe closes at 3 p.m. on Monday
next.THREE knights-errant from the Taikoo Sugar
Refinery—Messrs Harvey, McKenzie, and War-
nock—did a bit of rescuing yesterday morning.
A Chinese widow of Quarry Bay declined
to dedicate herself to the memory of the late
lamented, and got married on another gentleman.
Her brother objected to the marriage, and was
trying to dissuade her from it by collecting her into
two hundred of his friends and chasing her into
the sea, when the three gentlemen named turned
up and stopped them. They are now tossing-
up who is to marry her.A TELEGRAM dated Washington December 2d
says:—President Cleveland in his message to the
Congress, says that a revision of the tariff is
necessary, in order to relieve the unjust and
dangerous plethora in the treasury; peaceful
relations exist with all States, and the ques-
tion now pending are compatible with amicable
negotiating. He believes that the Fisheries
Treaty furnishes a practical settlement on a basis
honorable to both parties, he comments in
strong terms on the conduct of Lord Salisbury,
and justifies the action taken by the American
Government in the matter; in conclusion, Presi-
dent Cleveland urges the revision of Naturali-
zation Laws, and favors the suspension of
silver coinage.A LITTLE Siamese boy is making the grand tour.
He has got as far as Hongkong up to the present,
his first flight being to Singapore. He hid him-
self in the *Polythymia*, and luckily got across
without any of the music-hall-balled experiences
of the "And the mate aged the lad pretty roughly,
now he came to the bewitched way" order, getting
ashore at Kowloon just in time to fall into the
clutches of Inspector Mathieson. That dinky-
hearted officer not only arrested him and took
him to the Yau-ma-tei Station, but was brutal
enough to feed him, and give him some clothes,
and stick him alongside a fire. As this is not
Mr. Mathieson's first offence we hope that some
of the missionaries for the Encouragement of
Cruelty to Children will take the matter up and
report him to his superiors. The dusky little
adventurer, after roaming about the Central
Station for a few days, is about to take service
as cook to about forty great big Sikh policemen,
at nothing a month, and glad to get it.THE American Musical Comedy and Opera
Company appeared last night in Audran's
"Oleto," the occasion being a complimentary
benefit to the making actor, Mr. A. Sutcliffe.
There was a fairly large audience, the stalls
and pit, but the dress circle presented a beggarly
array of empty benches, the numerous social
festivities all over the town preventing many
from attending who would otherwise have been
present. The representation, taken as a whole,
was scarcely up to the Company's customary
standard. Miss Gracie Whiteford was excellent
in the title role, acting with great vivacity, and
she received a hearty encore for her rendering
of the famous "Sobbing song." Miss Morrison
gave a consistent impersonation of the *Courtesan*,
and was well supported by Mr. Sheridan as the
Dieu de la Mer, Mr. Imeson as *Capt. Merriman*,
Mr. Sutcliffe as *Marquis*, Mr. Fisher as *Valentin*,
and Capt. Sankey as *Cocquillot*. To-night the
ever popular "La Mascotte."THE accommodating Magistrate who held
matrimonial during the holiday had not a single
house, and there was nothing worth report-
ing. This morning Mr. Pollock frowned on
two sons of Mars—Private Jones and Simmons,
of the 58th. They had been trying to uphold
the proud boast of their Regiment—that any
two of them could put a head on any one police-
man—and they had got badly left. They were
going along Queen's Road East very early
yesterday morning, when they met a coolie,
who omitted to knock his head three times on
the ground. Jones's fiery Welsh blood could
not brook this, and he smote the coolie on
the ear. A Sikh came up, and seized him,
whereupon Simmons attempted to make him
leave go. They were both ultimately arrested,
after being ignominiously chased by a Chinese
policeman. Jones admitted hitting the coolie,
and Simmons agreed that he might have given
the Sikh one, but it was only a little one. Six
dollars each.THERE has been, says the *Shanghai Mercury*,
a steady rise in the price of Japan coal in
Shanghai, more especially of late, and accord-
ing to last advices coal was hardly obtainable
in Japan, except at a high figure. Cargoes that
have arrived there during this month were mostly
to fulfil contracts. In May last Japan coals were
quoted per ton as follows:—

Takasima lump.....	Tls. 4.50
do dust.....	" 2.75
Mikak lump.....	" 3.75
Imabuko.....	" 3.75
Karat.....	" 3.50
Keelung.....	" 3.00
while the prices quoted on the 21st inst. were:—	
Takasima lump.....	Tls. 5.00
do dust.....	" 3.00
Mikak lump.....	" 4.00
Imabuko.....	" 4.50
Karat.....	" 3.50
Keelung.....	" 6.25

YESTERDAY evening the Warrant Officers, Staff
Sergeants and Sergeants of the 2nd Northampton
and 1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders met
in the Sergeants' Mess, Murray Barracks, by
invitation of Mr. Assam, commodore, who with
his usual generosity entertained them to dinner.
The absence of Sergeant-Major Hill, ably filled
the post of Chairman, supported by Sergeant-
Major Williamson and Mr. Assam. After dinner
the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given
and highly honored. The Chairman then, in a
few and well chosen words, introduced Mr.
Assam to the Highlanders. Mr. Assam who
upon rising was received with applause, ex-
pressed his regret at having to part from the
old "Steelbacks," with whom during the last
three years he had been on most friendly terms,
and wished them every success in their new
station; he then most cordially welcomed the
Highlanders to the colony and hoped that the
sum friendly feeling might exist between them
and himself which had existed with the North-
amptonshire Regiment. The health of the
Highlanders was then given from the chair, and
Major Williamson suitably responded. Harmony
then became the chief feature of the evening,
and was kept up with much spirit until 11.30
p.m. when the company separated, having spent
a most enjoyable evening.THE permanent building for the National As-
sembly in Tokio is to cost \$1,500,000, and will
cover an area of 1,700 *tsubo*. The expenditure
on furnishing will increase the estimate to
\$4,000,000.MR. HENRY NORMAN, the special commissioner
of the *Pail Mail Gazette*, arrived here from
Shanghai by the French mail steamer *Iravaddy*,
and intends staying for about ten days, during
which time he will visit Canton and Macao.
Mr. Norman is calling at Tonquin, Saigon,
Siam, the Straits Settlements, and Burmah, en
route to India, where his mission, which has
already lasted over fifteen months, will
terminate after thorough investigation into the
manners and customs of the country and the
great social and political problems which
now so prominently occupying public attention
at home.THUS the Singapore *Free Press* of the 18th
inst.—An application was made this morning
in the Supreme Court before His Honor the
Chief Justice regarding a young person of 23
years of age who, it was alleged, by some friends,
was prevented from leaving the Convent where
she had been for over ten years. It was stated
that she wanted to leave. The Chief Justice
granted a writ of Habeas Corpus returnable at
two o'clock at which time she came to the Court
accompanied by Mr. Scheerder, and it appears
the Chief Justice said that she was not detained
against her will and that she did not wish to
leave. The matter was thus at an end and she
left the Court with Mr. Scheerder.ONE of the tribe of Judah—Joseph Joseph by
name—is putting in the first instalment of a
very little six months to-day by order of Mr.
Pollock. He is an individual who lives on the
precarious capital of his wife, and his victim
was one of that crowd of Cingaleses who have
lately come over to sell jewelry. Joseph sent
for the man to a house yesterday, and he
expressed a desire to buy a ring. He was
shown several, but did not buy. He was
called on the jeweller, subsequently, and had
another look at the glittering goods, and another
chaffer as to price, carefully concealing the fact
that he had not the price of a pint of beer, much
less rings. They did no business, but when the
Cingalese was packing up his stock again he
missed one of the before-mentioned goods—a
diamond ring worth \$50, and he immediately
regretted, in eloquent Tamil, that he knew not
Joseph. On informing the police some Sikhs
looked for the member for Judah, and one found
him, with the result set forth at the beginning.CHRISTMAS Day in Hongkong was decidedly
quiet—that is, of course, comparatively speaking.
Nearly everybody went to the Peak, or on a water-
party, and then dined quietly at home, and there
was a stoniness of feeling for the day. The meal
was very much "about the usual." The soldiers
on both sides of the harbour held high revelry,
though the Hylan laddies seemed inclined to
save their festivity for Hogmanay. At the
Royal Engineers' Mess a bountiful spread was
provided, Quartermaster Sergeant Spreadborough
presiding. Lieut. and Adjutant Hawkins and
the officers attended, and with the loyal toasts
were drunk their healths, amid repeated cheers.
In the evening a dance was given. H.E. the
Governor, H.E. Major General Cameron, Col.
Anderson, and the officers of the Regiment
attended the dinner of the 5th, and were
warmly toasted. At the Sailors' Home
jollity reigned. The Bishop preached in the
morning, the church being handsomely decorated.
In the afternoon open house was held, and
crowds of sailors and marines visited it. In the
evening carol-singing was commenced, the Rev.
A. G. Goldsmith and Mrs. Goldsmith, with
several friends, attending. The usual festivities
among the European police were conspicuously
absent this year, their claims, even to a short
leave, being quite ignored. Some humorist
stuck up a notice in the mess-room at the Central
Station: "There are no decorations," but a
satirical comrade altered it to "Beware of the
decorations." Let us hope that they will fare
better on New Year's Day.Says the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 19th inst.—
The installation of Bro. Sydenham Moultrie as
W.M. of the Tuxton Lodge, No. 1,027, took
place last night. The ceremony was performed
by Right Worshipful Bro. John Irwin Miller,
District Grand Master of Northern China, as-
sisted by Worshipful Bro. C. Thorne, I.P.D.,
G.M., Bro. L. Moore, D.G.S.W. and Bro. A.M.
A. Evans, D.G.J.W. There were also present
Right Wor. Bro. Dallas, F.D.G.M. for Japan,
and Wor. Bro. Kingsmill, Deputy D.G.M. for
Northern China. Wor. Bro. Gratton, W.M.
Northern, Wor. Bro. Brodie, A. Clark, W.M.
Cosmopolitan, Wor. Bro. West, W.M. Sussex,
Bros. G.M. Hart, O. Middleton, C.M. Donaldson,
Bros. G.M. Holland and 43 members and
visitors. After the duly installed the W.M.
invested the following officers:—

Bro. Jas. H. Osborn.....	S. W.
" E. D. Snodgrass.....	J. W.
" I. W. Garde.....	Treasurer.
" E. P. Wickham.....	Secretary.
" W. W. Clifford.....	S. D.
" A. I. Rahimim.....	J. D.
" G. A. Watkins.....	J. G.
" C. Merritt.....	Tyler

A sumptuous banquet was afterwards served
in the small hall. The usual loyal toasts were
given, including that of the newly installed W.M.
which was proposed by Right Wor. Bro. C.
Thorne and replied to by W.M. in a few pro-
prietate and well chosen words. The proceeding
were afterwards enlivened by several songs and
terminated at an early hour this morning.A SCOTTISH NIGHT AT THE
CITY HALL.On Christmas Eve Mr. J. A. Robertson, the
talented piano-pounder of the Opera Company,
took a benefit at the City Hall, when a thoroughly
Scottish programme was provided, and an
almost equally Scottish audience attended. The
first part consisted of a concert, which was
opened by Messrs. Hogg and Duncan playing a
Highland march. We can't criticise bag-
pipes, further than to say that we felt relieved
when they had finished, and that everybody
applauded as vociferously as if they shared
our feelings. The whole company—in which
Miss Maud Hare is now no longer numbered,
being gone home—followed with "Scots
men, hae ye a real good style, but 'Scots
men' was a little of colour, owing to the
Dunblane man singing it to himself. Mrs. Fraser-
Smith's song, "Robin Adair," was given with
sweetness and expression, but she was heard to
far better advantage in the duet "O wert thou
in the 'cauld bairn," with Miss Stapan. On
both occasions she was warmly applauded.
Miss Stapan showed herself much more at
home in her solo and duet than she had done a
few nights before in comic opera. Her re-
gained self-possession enabled her to exhibit her full
rich, and well-trained voice advantageously, and
after her rendering of "The year that was," the
audience, insisted on her reappearance. Mr.
Imano's song "Bonnie Dundee," and "Gae
bring to me a pint o' wine," were very fine, and
each had to be repeated. But the encore which
was asked to Miss Vera Falty for "There's
nae luck about the house" was just a littlebit ironical, but "Scots men" ending up
in very pure Scotch. Mr. Fraser-Smith's
reputation as an excellent secured undivided
attention during his rendition of Aytoun's
"Charles Edward at Versailles," on the an-
niversary of Culloden and gained him warm
plaudits at its close. Miss Gracie Whiteford
had a wonderful voice for such a little girl, and
if it were only trained, or perhaps we should say
un-trained, it would be a long way the best in
the Company. As *Maggie Macfarlane*, in "The
Bonnie Fishwife," her costume was a trifle
incongruous, but her songs "Auld Robin Gray"
and "Callie Herrin" were charming. The
triolette "Three little bridesmaids," in which
she took part with Misses Patey and Arline,
was composed by the *beneficent*, and is pub-
lished by Messrs. Kelly and Walsh. It is a
tuneful little thing, with a very catchy musical
gurgles somewhere near the middle, and it was
very prettily sung and danced. Miss Learning-
ton's song "Charlie is my darling," with tramp-
ing obligato thrown in by the audience, had to
be repeated, it went so well. Mr. Sutcliffe and
Mr. Sheridan also sang, and Miss Arline, in a pretty
Scotch costume, performed the sword dance.
The second part of the programme consisted of
the amusing farce, "The Bonnie Fishwife,"
introduced principally for the sake of the songs.
Miss Whiteford, as *Maggie*, was capital, and
needed to say that the *Gallies* of Mr. Sheridan
was exceedingly funny.

THIS 'XMAS.

I want to tell you what I've seen
This 'Xmas,
Though I can't tell you where I've been
This 'Xmas,
Except, of course, what I've told
Which may not sound so very well
This 'Xmas;
But then you know, it is allowed.
One needs must follow with the crowd
At 'Xmas,
No matter what our creed may be
We're bound to see what there's to see
At 'Xmas;
And so I saw the Circus first
This 'Xmas,
And must confess I had a thirst
This 'Xmas,
Which was most accurately gauged
When at the Circus 'twas assuaged
This 'Xmas.
I saw the fun, though, all the same
This 'Xmas
The music started up the game
This 'Xmas
(Chiarini's music is well known,
The trumpets are so clearly blown),
At 'Xmas
That, all the same, the music stirs
At 'Xmas
The nerves of even mongrel curs
At 'Xmas.
To clearly recognize the fact
That here at least, there's lack of tact
At 'Xmas
To recognize the wants of folks
At 'Xmas,
As well as getting up new jokes
At 'Xmas,
The clowns were splendid in their way.
And that is all that I can say
This 'Xmas;
But after that I had to get—
Twice 'Xmas,
And see the opera "Olivette"
Past 'Xmas;
I saw it, you may bet you life
But then I'd rather take a wife
Next 'Xmas,
Than say the truth about it now
Past 'Xmas
I am afraid there'd be a row
Next 'Xmas,
Were I to say just what I saw,
I'd be a victim to "club" law
This 'Xmas.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

Many of the Hongkong Volunteers spent
Christmas Day loyally. After breakfast about
thirty of the corps went to Kowloon, under
the command of Major Tripp; Lieut. Hawkins,
R.A. adjutant, Capt. McCollum, Lieuts. Woolley,
Holmes, and Denison, and Sergeants Dipple,
Osborne, McBrean, and Scott, taking four seven-
pounders with them. At Kowloon they began a
one-sided sham fight, the "general idea" of
which was thus explained:—A mixed force of the
enemy, artillery and infantry, was supposed to be
advancing on Yau-mai from the direction of
Kowloon by the defile at the back of the Associ-
ation Range. Having crossed the heights on
either side with infantry the enemy attempted to
debouch from the defile, deploying to both flanks
under cover of a battery established on the rocky
knoll in front. The H. K. V.'s battery (7
pdrs) is supposed to be part of a force of in-
fantry and artillery ordered to attack and drive
back the enemy through the defile. It comes into
action to the left of the Observatory, and is
told off to cannonade that section of the enemy's
line on the lower ground to the left of the knoll
to cover the advance of the infantry on both
flanks. Partially silencing the guns the battery
is ordered to advance to a second position about
500 yards to the front to support the close
attack on the enemy's position. While in this
position it receives and repulses a counter at-
tack of the enemy and then continues its fire
until masked by the advance of the infantry. It
then advances to the captured position to fire on
the enemy's line of retreat. The subsequent
manoeuvres took heavily on the men, the guns
being under-manned, but the firing was
excellent, the targets representing the enemy
being nearly all shattered with shot and
shell. After the fight—which Lieut. Anderson,
the judge, decided in favor of the Volunteers—
was concluded, the corps struggled back to the
Kowloon Hotel, where they recuperated, and
Major Tripp, as Chairman, made a few
remarks. He expressed regret at the want of
enthusiasm which had necessitated their leaving
two of their six guns on the other side, for lack
of men, but expressed his complete satisfaction
with their work that day. He also referred to
a letter published in the *Telegraph* last Friday,
which purported to be written by a Volunteer.
He did not think that man was present. It was
the most blackguardly letter he had ever read
(cheers). During last week he did not ask any
officers to attend because he particularly wanted
the gunners and sergeants to learn their work
themselves. He thought if they took the run of
the officers they would find that they worked
very well (Renewed cheers). They had an
amount of work and responsibility of which few
were aware, making arrangement for forth-
coming drills and parades, &c. He wished the
Corps every success and prosperity during the
coming year (applause).Sergeant Dipple proposed the healths of
the officers, coupling with the toast the name
of Captain McCollum. The toast was drunk
with enthusiasm. Captain McCollum then ap-
peared, saying:—I am sure that if we all pull
together we shall get on very well. As Major
Tripp has told you, you must not think if you do
not see your officers on parade at times that theyare not attending to the interests of the corps. I
can assure you that not a day passes but there is
some business connected with the corps that
it falls to the lot of the officers to look after, and I
think you will agree with me that where the
interests of the corps are concerned you will not
often find that the officers have failed to come
up to time. (Cheers.) I am disappointed, gen-
tlemen, successful as the day has been, that we
had not six guns out. I was promised, and I
was in hopes that we should have, six guns out
to-day, and I must say that I am disappointed
in not having them. I must at the same time
thankheartily those who have turned out to-day,
and I am satisfied that if we keep on as we are
doing we shall, when our annual practice takes
place, have doubled our number of effective
shots (hear, hear). This is not the end of the season
by any means, although we have had lots
of hard work to-day, and I think I may say we
have done it satisfactorily, you must not forget
that we

Government power to instruct the Land Commission to deal with arrears when fixing judicial rents. This done it would place the tenant in a position to contract freely with the landlord besides protecting the Exchequer against loss, and give the shrewd agent the best possible chance to work with smoothness.

Smith contended that the course proposed would place the tenant in a distinctly worse position than before by recognizing the arrears as a charge that might continue to hang around his neck even after completing his purchase. Now, after a contract for purchase had been agreed upon the arrears became ipso facto wiped out.

Mr. Parnell's motion was rejected by a vote of 12 to 148. Sir B. Walter Foster, Liberal, moved, to reduce the amount of the grant asked for in the bill to £1,500,000. Sir G. O. Trevelyan said he had heard that a nobleman connected with the Ministry had already received £200,000 and that Lord Londonderry would benefit by the measure.

Goheen repudiated the insinuation. After further debate the motion was rejected.

At the sitting of the Parnell Commission today Inspector of Police Huggins testified concerning outrages at Castle Island, County Kerry. On cross-examination witnesses said he believed farmers' sons initiated the outrages in order to evade the payment of rent. He knew of bogus outrages. He was not aware that men connived to damage their own property, in order to secure compensation from the quarter sessions. He did not think all the outrages were due to secret societies. Some were the result of family quarrels or private malice. He connected the League with moon-lighting because prior to the existence of a League Kerry had been peaceful. Lockwood of the Parnellites' counsel asked witness how long he had been engaged in getting up cases for the Times.

Sir Henry James, counsel for the Times, objected to the question, whereupon Sir Charles Russell exclaimed warmly: "We charge, and intend to prove, that the whole executive authority, even including resident magistrates, is engaged in getting up the Times cases." Witness then denied that the Times had employed him. On redirect examination the witness stated that no case of bogus outrage had ever been returned by the police as a real outrage.

PARIS, November 23rd. Boulanger and Conservative journals charge the Government with preparing a coup d'état to be carried out on the occasion of the demonstration at the grave of the revolutionist Baudin on December 2nd. They allege that the Government agent will mingle with the people in the cemetery and provoke a conflict. The leaders in the demonstration will then be arrested on trumped-up charges of having been plotting against the State and will be prosecuted for treason.

HERN, November 23rd. Herr Von Lovozov, Conservative, was to day elected President of the Reichstag by a vote of 271 out of a total of 281 ballots recorded. Nine ballots were blank. Dr. von Buhl, Nationalist, was re-elected First Vice-President by 169 out of 259 votes recorded; and Baron von Unruh, Bonist Second Vice-President by 150 out of 244. All these gentlemen accepted the posts.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 23rd. The Journal de St. Petersburg denies that a secret treaty has been entered into by Corea and Russia. It admits that Corea has granted Russia facilities for trade across the frontier. News has been received of the founding of seven ice-bound sailing vessels in the sea of Azov. The crews managed to reach Taganrog after severe suffering.

ROME, November 23rd. Signor Ingman, a Roman advocate who died recently, left 1,000,000 francs to the Pope.

BERGRADE, November 23rd. Seventy radicals have been arrested in connection with the election riots on Wednesday last.

OTTAWA, November 24th. It is believed that during the coming session of Parliament the Government will enact legislation restricting Chinese immigration.

DUBLIN, November 24th. The meetings announced to be held through Ireland yesterday in memory of the "Manchester Martyrs," were proclaimed by the Government. Few conflicts occurred between the people. The most serious disturbance was at Kilkenny. A despatch received from there at a late hour, said the police were charging in all directions, and that the magistrates had threatened to give orders to fire on the mob.

PARIS, November 24th. The Grand Council at Saigon has opened negotiations for a loan of 100,000 francs, to be guaranteed by Indo-China. The money is to be used to cover the first expense of the establishment of colonies in Tonquin.

PANAMA, November 24th. Nicaragua has accepted the invitation of the United States Government to join the conference of the American Republics on October 20, 1889.

BERNE, November 24th. M. Hertenstein, President of Switzerland, had his right leg amputated to-day. The operation was necessary because of a disease of the arteries.

LONDON, November 24th. The Manchester November handicap was won by Claymore, Phil second, Followchat third.

Sir Charles Warren, who recently resigned as Chief of the London Police, has been offered the command of the brigade at Aldershot. This is regarded as evidence that the Queen's confidence in him is not decreased.

Dr. Sir William Jenner has resigned from the British Medical Association. An influential committee had addressed a protest to the Council of the Association against the publication by the British Medical Journal of the late Emperor Frederick's note to Dr. Jenner. Dr. Jenner is now in the United States, and his withdrawal from the Association reflects the anger which the publication of the note caused at Court.

PARIS, November 24th. M. Deroulade made a speech at the meeting of the Patriotic League to-day. He spoke in terms of warm praise of Boulanger. Referring to the recent accident to the Russian Imperial train, he expressed sympathy with the Czar, rejoicing over his escape from harm. The speech was greatly applauded, especially the references to General Boulanger.

The Gazette asserts that the Government intends to dissolve the Patriotic League. The meeting was held in a restaurant, access to outsiders being barred by the police, who prevented the proposed public reception. A few arrests were made, but the proceedings were in the main orderly.

At the conclusion of the banquet General Boulanger made a speech, in which he said: "I am more a patriot than a soldier. I ardently desire peace. Not the peace which is demanded, but the peace inspired by a firm and dignified attitude. That is the only peace acceptable to France." He inveighed against the policy which divided the forces of the country, causing misleading appearances of weakness—misleading because the least appeal to the country would cause all internal dissension to vanish like a bad dream. He strongly denounced Ferry for wasting the country's resources in Tonquin, while cognizant of the perils which threatened France.

Boulanger's wife is taking steps to obtain a divorce. It is stated that one of the richest widows in France is willing to marry Boulanger.

HAMBURG, November 25th. A trunk containing the corpse of Herr H. Felsberg, forwarding agent of the Hamburg-American Packet Company, was discovered in the Baltic dock on Saturday. The skull was fractured and a watch and \$750 in money missing. A steward named Dow was arrested at Cologne to-day and charged with being the murderer.

BERLIN, November 25th. Fifty members of the Berlin Relief Committee held a meeting to-day. It was unanimously decided to send Louis Wissmann, as soon as possible, to lead the first column. Dr. Peters will in the meantime prepare to equip a supporting column of which he will have command.

The Directors of the East African Company met and unanimously resolved to inform the Government that the company will relinquish its rights in East Africa; that its intention is to strengthen Majumayo and Darsalon with stone forts and to attempt to reconquer the other stations under the protection of a blockading squadron. It is decided to ask the Reichstag for support.

LONDON, November 25th. A private person living near Nottingham has received a letter, signed "Jack the Ripper," stating that both the writer of the letter and "Jack" committed recent murders in the Whitechapel district. The letter says that "Jack" is a man from America, who has been abroad for some time, and who has been exercising a powerful influence over him.

Purcell O'Gorman, formerly member of Parliament for Waterford City, is dead.

The steamer *Neuburg*, of Leith, while on a voyage from Grangemouth to Aarhus with coal, foundered in the North Sea. Sixteen persons were drowned, and one was rescued and landed in Norway.

ROME, November 25th.

The Pope has instructed Cardinal Gibbons to congratulate Harrison on his election to the Presidency.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 25th.

The British recently captured seven slave dhows, after a severe fight, in which many persons were wounded. The Italian Government claims possession of the dhows, on the ground that they were captured in waters of Italian jurisdiction.

VIENNA, November 25th.

At a meeting of the Budget Committee, Count Welschheim stated that it was necessary to expedite measures for enabling the Government to mobilize the Landwehr. Formerly the vigorous and prompt use of the Landwehr was not contemplated, but the present military and political situation demanded either a material increase of the army, or such effective arrangements that the Landwehr would be able to answer all calls upon the troops in the field. The expenditure allotted to the budget for this purpose would amount to 1,041,460 florins, including a sum to be used for the purchase of rifles, which were being turned out at the rate of 30,000 per month.

BRUSSELS, November 26th.

L'Étoile says that the Government will ask the Chamber of Deputies for a credit of 5,000,000 francs to complete armaments.

The strike of coal miners in Belgium is spreading. Gendarmes and guards are patrolling the troubled districts.

LONDON, November 26th.

The Duchess of Sutherland is dead.

The Daily News says it regrets Lord Salisbury's decision to delay the appointment of a successor to Sackville. This course, it thinks, may cause President Cleveland to withdraw Minister Phelps.

A despatch from Belgrade says that serious election riots occurred to-day in Serbia. Several lives were lost and many public buildings were demolished.

A Dublin despatch says that the News Association has been reliably informed that the Pope will insist on promulgating a second rescript on the Irish question. The Irish Bishops will shortly be summoned to Rome.

The Russian Government has protested against the erection by Roumania of forts at Focsan and Jialiti.

DUBLIN, November 26th.

Thousands of persons attended the demonstration in Glasnevin cemetery yesterday at the monument to the Manchester martyrs. The proceedings were orderly.

Edward Harrington, member of Parliament, failed to appear to-day in answer to a summons charging him with inciting tenants to adopt the plan of campaign through his paper, the Kerry Sentinel. His counsel applied for a postponement in order that Harrington might attend the sittings of the Parnell Commission in London. The magistrate refused to grant the application, because the inciting had continued. A warrant was issued for Harrington's arrest.

BERLIN, November 26th.

Lieutenant Wissmann will wait on the Emperor to resign his commission in the army and state his plans for the Emin Bey relief expedition. The Relief Committee has asked a resolution severing all connection between the committee and the East African Company. It is expected the company will ask the Reichstag for a loan of 100 million marks.

The Government has rejected France's proposal to join in the blockade of East Africa on condition that the slave dhows and dealers under the French flag, seized by other powers, be handed over to France for punishment.

The North German Gazette and almost all the other prominent German papers concur in the opinion that the affairs of France are drifting towards a chaos, of which the sequences are incalculable.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 26th.

Import duties on sheet copper have increased to thirty copecks per pood. The duty on copper-bottomed wooden ships has been fixed at twelve copecks for the first hundred tons, six for every additional hundred tons.

ZANZIBAR, November 26th.

The question regarding the fugitive slave harbored by the Mission station at Mombasa has been settled to the satisfaction of the natives. This arrangement has secured the freedom of 1500 slaves.

OTTAWA, Ont., November 26th.

The Dominion Government has ordered two new forty-pounder rifled guns from the Imperial Government for use on the Pacific Coast.

HAVANA, November 26th.

Advices from Yambela de Salena state that forty-two houses there have been destroyed by fire. Loss \$30,000.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., November 26th.

The offices of the Town and Country Journal have been burned. The loss is £100,000. The offices were the finest in Australia.

November 27th.

Beach and Hanlan rowed a race on the Parana to River to-day for \$500 a side. Beach won.

BERLIN, November 27th.

Emperor William has a cold, and will remain in his apartments for a few days.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 27th.

An imperial ukase has been issued, providing for the issue of 4 per cent bonds to the value of 125,000,000 roubles, to be used for the purchase of bonds of 1877 and the redemption of temporary credit notes issued in 1877 and 1878.

DUBLIN, November 27th.

The report that a second Parnell rescript had been sent to the Irish Bishops for signature is now confirmed. It was intended that the document should not be made known, but that the Bishops should proceed to enforce the

commands contained in the first rescript without alluding to the existence of the second one. But this plan was spoiled through the indiscretion of a servant of the Bishop of Limerick, who divulged a part of the contents of the rescript. It is probable that the publication of a part of the document will force the Pope to reaffirm publicly his wishes regarding Ireland.

EDINBURGH, November 27th. In the case of Parnell against the London Times for libel, Judge Kinnear has fixed upon December 20th, for hearing the proof on the question of arrestments. Counsel for Parnell have served an order upon the defendants requiring them to produce the contracts of co-partnership bearing upon the ownership of the Times, and also its business books and accounts.

BERNE, November 27th. Hertenstein, President of Switzerland, who underwent amputation of the right leg last week because of a disease of the arteries, failed to rally from the shock, and died to-day.

PARIS, November 27th. The Senate has adopted the Commercial Convention between France and China.

The Bourse is weak. Panama Canal securities are down to 200 francs.

La Presse says the Cabinet will discuss to-morrow the question of suppressing the Patriotic League.

General Boulanger has resigned the seat in the Chamber of Deputies to which he was elected by his constituents in Somme and Charente.

The village of Vaubancourt, near Nygny, has been totally destroyed by fire. Thousands of persons are without shelter.

LONDON, November 27th.

A despatch from Whiteby says that a fleetboat upset there to-day, and that twelve persons were drowned.

The Oaths bill passed the House of Lords without division.

The United States Legation warns the public against fraudulent attempts to obtain money on pretended recommendations from members of the Legation.

The British ship Douglas, from Martin Island for Hamburg, foundered in the North Sea and two of the crew were drowned.

In the House of Commons this evening, Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, intimated that Mr. Harrington, Mr. Finucane, and the other members of the Irish party under arrest, would be permitted to attend the sittings of Parliament during the time the Irish estimates were under discussion.

The debate on the Irish Land Purchase bill was resumed, and some amendments were adopted.

Henry George, in an address in London, this evening, said that the grasping for land in America was rapidly making the country similar to England. He wanted to utterly abolish landlordism and to grant to every child a share in the soil.

FOOCHOW RACES.

WINTER MEETING.

Stewards:—H. J. Chambers, Esq.; W. P. Galton, Esq.; R. B. Moorhead, Esq.; B. Pereira, Esq.; G. Siemens, Esq.; A. W. Walkinshaw, Esq.; H. Baker, Esq. Secretary:—John Bathgate, Esq. Starter:—W. P. Galton, Esq. Judge:—A. W. Walkinshaw, Esq. Clerk of the Course:—John C. Oswald, Esq.

The course was very heavy on Monday and Tuesday, and on Wednesday it rained heavily. The fields ruled small throughout and the racing was far below the average. For the Champions Mr. Min's Reaper was allowed to walk over, an event unprecedented in the annals of Chinese racing. Results are appended:—

FIRST DAY, MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER.

THE STEWARDS CUP, (presented), value \$100; entrance \$5; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale. Half a mile.

Mr. Cameron's Almansor Mr. Oswald 1

Mr. Graham's Cheviot Mr. Green 2

Captain Hope's Star Mr. Moorhead 3

Won easily; time 68 sec.

THE MAIDEN STAKES, forced, of \$10 each with \$30 for the Second Pony, and \$20 for the Third; for Subscription Griffins; weights as per scale. Three quarters of a mile.

The Silver Stable's Chop-Dollar Mr. Green 1

Mr. Min's Topaz Mr. Baker 2

Mr. Flox's Begonia Mr. Moorhead 3

Mr. Cameron's Tatters Mr. Oswald 4

Mr. Min's Oxyx Mr. Harger 5

Won by half a length; time 1:14 sec.

THE COMPROMISED CUP, (presented), value \$100; entrance \$5; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale. Two miles.

Mr. August's Piccadilly Mr. Oswald 1

Mr. Min's Yeoman Mr. Baker 2

Captain Archer's Norman Mr. Harger 3

Won in a canter; time 5:14 sec.

THE CHAOS CUP, (presented), value \$50; entrance \$5; Second Pony to receive \$30; for Subscription Griffins; weights as per scale; winner of the Maiden Stakes 7lbs. extra. One mile and a quarter.

Captain Hope's Star Mr. Baker 1

Major Bagstock's Bluecoat Mr. Oswald 2

The Silver Stable's Sycee Mr. Green 3

Mr. Flox's Begonia Mr. Moorhead 4

Won by a length; time 3:15 sec.

THE STAND STAKES, of \$10 each with \$30 added for the First Pony, and \$20 for the Second; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners 7lbs. extra. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Cameron's Almansor Mr. Oswald 1

Mr. Graham's Cheviot Mr. Baker 2

Baron Magenta's Mayflower Mr. Drummond 3

Won easily; time 1:46 sec.

THE HONGKONG CUP, (presented), value \$200; entrance \$10; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners 7 lbs. extra. One mile and a half.

Mr. Min's Reaper Mr. Baker 1

Major Bagstock's Herald Mr. Oswald 2

Won by a length; time 3:43 sec.

THE LUSITANIA CUP, (presented), forced entrance \$5; Second pony to receive \$40, Third pony \$20; for Subscription Griffins; three or more Ponies to start from opposing stables or no race; weights as per scale; winners 7 lbs. extra. One mile.

The Silver Stable's Chop-Dollar Mr. Green 1

Captain Hope's Star Mr. Baker 2

Major Bagstock's Bluecoat Mr. Oswald 3

Mr. Flox's Begonia Mr. Moorhead 4

Mr. Rob's Clydesdale Mr. Moorhead 5

Mr. Orel's Chunk Mr. Harger 6

Close finish in favor of Chop Dollar by a head; time 2:29 sec.

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER.

THE SILVER CUP, forced entrance \$5; Second pony to receive \$20; for Subscription Griffins; weights as per scale; winners 7 lbs. extra. One mile and a half.

Captain Hope's Star Mr. Baker 1

Major Bagstock's Bluecoat Mr. Oswald 2

The Silver Stable's Sycee Mr. Green 3

Won easily; time 1:51 sec.

THE TOTALISATOR CUP, value \$150; Second pony to receive \$10; for four or more opposing Ponies start; entrance \$10; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale.

In passing up the Grand Canal recently, the writer noticed that a number of the larger built boats, the express purpose of carrying the Kaiting coals to market, were now being used to transport salt to Tao Kiao, the head of navigation on this sea river. There were 18 or 20 of these barges in the fleet. They were

Ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting, and winners in Shanghai in 1883, 7 lb. extra. One mile and three quarters.

Captain Archer's Norman, Mr. Harger 1

Mr. August's Piccadilly, Mr. Oswald 2

Won easily; time 4:28 sec.

THE HAKKAW CUP, (presented), value \$150; forced entrance \$5; Second Pony to receive \$20; for Subscription Griffins; weights as per scale; winners of one race 7 lb. and of two or more 10 lb. extra. Once round.

The Silver Stable's Chop Dollar Mr. Green 1

Mr. Rob's Clydesdale Mr. Moorhead 2

Mr. Flox's Begonia Mr. Drummond 3

Mr. Cameron's Tatters Mr. Oswald 4

Mr. Min's Topaz Mr. Baker 5

Mr. Min's Oxyx Mr. Harger 6

Won by two lengths; time 1:31 sec.

THE RACING STAKES, of \$10 each with \$50 added; divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent. to First, Second and Third Ponies, for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners 5 lb. extra for each race won. One mile.

Major Bagstock's Herald Mr. Oswald 1

Baron Magenta's Mayflower Mr. Green 2

Captain Archer's Norman Mr. Harger 3

Mr. Elerton's Primus Mr. Drummond 4

Won easily; time 2:24 sec.

THE HACK STAKES, of \$20 each with \$10 added for each starter; for all China Ponies not otherwise entered at this meeting except for Cosmopolitan Cup; weights 7 lb. over weight for inches; riders who have never won a race allowed 7 lb. Half a mile.

Mr. Moray's Tipster Mr. Baker 1

Mr. Cameron's Wild Goat Mr. Oswald 2

Dr. Gaudener's White Satin Mr. Kohn 3

Captain Hope's Gleanings Mr. Green 4

This was the closest race of the meeting; Tipster and Wild Goat raced down the straight together, the former winning by a short head. Time 68 sec.

THE HAWTHORN CUP, (presented), entrance \$5; Second pony to receive \$20; for all Fenchow owned Subscription Griffins at this and previous meetings; winners of one race at this or previous meetings 7 lbs., of two or more 12 lbs. extra. Twice round.

The Silver Stable's Chop-Dollar Mr. Green 1

Captain Hope's Dandy Dick Mr. Baker 2

Major Bagstock's Bluecoat Mr. Oswald 3

Mr. Flox's Begonia Mr. Drummond 4

Time 3:15 sec.

THE FOOCHOW STAKES, of \$10 each; a forced entry for all China Ponies entered at this meeting, except those entered only for the Hack Stakes or Cosmopolitan Cup, and optional for Subscription Griffins; divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent. to First, Second and Third Ponies; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Min's Reaper Mr. Baker 1

Mr. August's Piccadilly Mr. Harger 2

Mr. von Tanner's Ironony Mr. Moorhead 3

Mr. Graham's Cheviot Mr. Oswald 4

Won easily; time 3:04 sec.

THIRD DAY, WEDNESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER.

THE TRAMEN'S CUP, (presented), value \$100; entrance \$10; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners 5 lbs. extra for each race won. One mile and a half.

Major Bagstock's Herald Mr. Oswald 1

Mr. August's Piccadilly Mr. Harger 2

Won in a canter; time 3:56 sec.

THE LEADER CUP, (presented), value \$100; Second pony to receive \$25; entrance \$5; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners 10 lbs. extra. Once round.

Mr. von Tanner's Ironony Mr. Moorhead 1

Mr. Cameron's Almansor Mr. Oswald 2

Baron Magenta's Mayflower Mr. Green 3

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The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

CHS. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1888. [1]

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION SOCIETY.

THE 16th EXHIBITION will be held on the 14th and 15th of February next. Schedules of Prizes and Rules to be obtained from

CHARLES FORD,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1888. [1324]

Today's Advertisements.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ZAFIRO."

Captain McCaslin, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 29th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1888. [1331]

Amusements.

AL FRESCO FETE!!

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TO BE HELD

TO-MORROW,

the 28th and 29th December, 1888.

STALLS FOR THE SALE OF MAGNIFICENT EMBROIDERIES AND RARE CURIOS.

WONDERFUL STRUTTING PHOENIX NEWLY CAPTURED.

TROUPE OF CHINESE TUMBLERS.

GRILL ROOM.

Under the the Personal Superintendence of Mr. THOMAS.

GRAND SURGICAL EXHIBITION, under direction of a Local Medical Celebrity.

SPORTING LION.

BRILLIANT ILLUMINATIONS. Thousands of Lanterns.

MILITARY BAND.

(By kind Permission of Colonel Anderson and the Officers of the 58th Regt.)

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SPECIAL COMPANY OF CHINESE ACTORS.

FINE ART EXHIBITION, under the Direction of the Lord 'Chancellor' and 'Lord O'

MAGNIFICENT AND UNIQUE COLLECTION!

GATES TO OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.

ENTRANCES.—All the Garden Gates (except that in Garden Road next to Kennedy Road Nullah), which thoroughfare will be CLOSED on both nights of the Fete.

PRICE OF ADMISSION.

ONE DOLLAR (\$1) EACH DAY.

Schools, Children, Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform, Half-price.

Tickets now for sale at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LD.'s and Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s

Hongkong, 24th December, 1888. [1329]

Insurances.

THE NEGLECT OF LIFE ASSURANCE.

THERE is no feature of our civilised life that strikes a thoughtful man with more force than the neglect of LIFE ASSURANCE. By payment of a small quarterly subscription any man of good health can secure a very large sum to his family in case of premature death, yet hundreds of families brought up in comfort—perhaps in luxury—are left in extreme poverty every year from the bread winners having neglected to assure his life. In the East many a man lives up to his income, knowing well that if death cut him off suddenly, his wife and children would be left almost wholly unprovided for. All this can be prevented by Life Assurance.

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THE BORNEO COMPANY, LD., Agents, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 29th June, 1888. [659]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS AT CURRENT RATES ON GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [150]

GENERAL NOTICE.

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HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [858]

MACAO.

WANTED to purchase, in a good situation in Macao, Small FAMILY RESIDENCE commanding a sea-view. Price must be Moderate. Apply with full particulars, by letter only, to

W. H.

c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 25th September, 1888. [954]

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Bengloe	Singapore	December 27th	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Telemachus	Liverpool	December 27th	Butterfield & Swire.
Japan	Calcutta	December 30th	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Bornida	Genoa	December 31st	Carlowitz & Co.
Albany	Vancouver	January 1st	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Glencagles	New York	January 2nd	Jardine, Matheson & Co.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Peshawur	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 2nd, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Sarpedon	Butterfield & Swire.	December 30th.
London, via Suez Canal	Opasack	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	January 2nd.
Marseilles	Paris	A. R. Maity	About Dec. 28th.
Bremen, & Ports of Call.	Bayern	Melchers & Co.	Jan. 20th, at 10 a.m.
Genoa, via Bombay, &c.	Stura	Carlowitz & Co.	About Dec. 29.
Havre and Hamburg, &c.	Daphne	Siemssen & Co.	Jan. 5th, at noon.
New York	Lennox	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Quick despatch.
San Francisco, via Ythama	City of Sydney	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Dec. 29th, at 1 p.m.
San Francisco, via Ythama	Oceanic	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Jan. 8th, at 1 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via K. &c.	Abyssinia	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Jan. 10th, at 3 p.m.
Port Darwin, &c.	Chingtu	Butterfield & Swire.	Dec. 30th, daylight.
Sandakan, Kudat, &c.	Memnon	Butterfield & Swire.	Jan. 1st, at 4 p.m.
Singapore and Sourabaya	Tetartos	Ah Yon & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Yokohama, via Nanki, &c.	Varona	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 6th, daylight.
Yokohama, Kobe, &c.	General Wender	Melchers & Co.	Dec. 29th, at 10 a.m.
Kobe and Yokohama	Bengloe	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Telemachus	Butterfield & Swire.	December 29th.
Shanghai	Peking	Siemssen & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Bayern	Melchers & Co.	To-morrow, at 10 a.m.
Manila, via Amoy	Zafiro	Russell & Co.	Dec. 29th, at 4 p.m.
Coast Ports	Namoa	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 30th, daylight.

Intimations.

W. POWELL & CO.

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FURTHER SUPPLIES

OF

NEW GOODS

suitable for

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Victoria Exchange, Hongkong, 18th December, 1888. W. POWELL & Co. [6]

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1885. [85]

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THE Undersigned have this day been

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are prepared to supply quantities to suit

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Hongkong, 1st October, 1888. [976]

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Hongkong, 25th September, 1888. [11]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1888. [1223]

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [1266]

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ROOMS in "COLLEGE CHAMBERS."

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1st February.

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [12